लोहे अथवा स्पंज लोहे का उत्पादन किया जाए । ज्ञापन में गोआ में एक इस्पात कारखाना लगाने का भी सुझाव दिया गया है।

संयुक्त क्षेत्र में लगाया गया मोडोवी पैलेट्स लि0 नामक कारखाना इस उद्देश्य से लगाया गया था कि इसके उत्पादन का शत-प्रतिशत निर्यात किया जाएगा । इस कारखाने ने धमन भट्टी में इस्तेमाल किए जाने वाले पैलेटों का उत्पादन सितम्बर, 1979 में करना शुरू कर दिया था । कारखाने को परिचालन में मुख्य रूप से तीन समस्याओं का सामना करना पड़ा। विदेशों में पैलेटों का मूल्य गिर जाना, फर्नेस आयल के मूल्य में वृद्धि और बिजली की समस्याएं । इन समस्याओं के कारण आर्थिक दृष्टि से कारखाने का परिचालन लाभप्रद न रहा और सरकार की अनुमति से अप्रैल, 1981 में कारखाना बन्द कर दिया गया ।

इस बात का पता लगाने के लिए कि क्या इस कारखाने को पुनः चलाना लाभदायक रहेगा, इस्पात विभाग के अधीन सरकारी क्षेत्र के एक परामर्शी संगठन मेकन से एक अध्ययन करने के लिए कहा गया था । इस अध्ययन से पता चला है कि इस समय अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में पैलेटों का मूल्य कम होने के कारण आर्थिक दृष्टि से इस कारखाने को पुनः चलाना लाभप्रद नहीं होगा । इस बात का भी अध्ययन किया गया है कि क्या इस कारखाने में फर्नेस आयल के स्थान पर कोककर कोयले का इस्तेमाल करने से कारखाने को अर्थक्षम बनाया जा सकता है । इस अध्ययन से पता चला है कि यदि कारखाने में कोयले का शत-प्रतिशत उपयोग भी किया जाए तो भी धमन भट्टी ग्रेड के पैलेटों के वर्तमान मूल्यों को देखते हुए इस कारखाने को पुनः चलाना आर्थिक दृष्टि से लाभप्रद नहीं होगा ।

तकनीकी कारणों से इस कारखाने को कच्चे लोहे अथवा स्पंज लोहे के कारखाने में तत्काल बदलना सम्भव नहीं है ।

Promotion of SC/ST in Delhi police

2750. SHRI NATHA SINGH: WUl the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)whether promotion list *V* (Executive) containing names of 139 successful Sub-Inspectors was drawn-up after the First Limited Departmental Examination in the Delhi Police;

(b) whether the said list was prepared on the basis of the seniority of successful candidates in their lower/ junior grade ignoring their actual merit in the said examination:

(c) the number of successful Sub-Inspectors in the said list *F' (Executive) who have so far been promoted and given the rank of Inspectors and also the number of those belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe$_s$ out of them;

(d) the reason.^ for placing almost all the SC/ST candidates at the botom of the list when some of them have secured higher positions in the examination; and

(e) whether promotions to SC/ST candidates are likely to be given in accordance with their merit in the said examination taking into consideration the provision^ of reservation in promotion and also 40 Point Roster Plan, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH): (a) After the coming into force of the Delhi Police (Promotion and Confirmation) Rules, 1980, the First Departmental Examination was conducted in 1980-81 and 130 Sub-Inspectors were included in the promotion list.

(b) As per provision of the Rules, the names i*[1] the list were included in the order of their seniority in the lower grade.

(c) 94 candidates, including one whose name was brought on the list subsequently, have since been promoted as Inspector. Two of them belong to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes.

(d) The list has been drawn up in accordance with the Rules anc all except three Scheduled C^ste/Scheduled Tribe candidates, have been placed at the bottom, because they are junior to others.

(e) The Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes candidates have been selected out of the extended Zone of consideration. The question of their promotion against the reserved vacancies is being sorted out.

SC/ST in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

2751. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fwt that in the Andamans and Nicobar Islands, the administration ignore local Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes candidates and fill up all Government posts earmarked for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes by candidates drawn from the mainland; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Scientific Information collected during Indo-Soviet Joint Space Flight

2752. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER, be pleased to state:

(a) whether scientific information callected during the Indo-Soviet joint space flight has been analysed; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and how the same are proposed to be used in the advancement of space explorations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) and (b) The data are in the process of detailed analyses and conclusions can be arrived at only after completion of the same. Results are expected tc advance our knowledge on various aspects of the effects of space flight on human beings, material proce; in space and remote sensing techniques for soil study, forestry,, mapping: etc.

Participation by U.S. Senators in recently concluded convention by "Khalistani" Supporters in New York.

2753. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS:

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a conven' held on 29th July, 1984 in New York by Khalistan protagonists in which some U.S. Senators and Congressmen also participated;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have taken up the matter with the U.S. Government and with what results?